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Infrastructure

Infrastructure is the lifeblood of families, communities, districts, and provinces. For nearly 20 years, USAID has partnered with the Government of Afghanistan to maintain existing infrastructure, expand access to electricity and potable water, and increase private sector investment so that all Afghans—rural and urban—are connected to infrastructure's immense benefits.

Major Highlight

USAID completed the construction of three generation plants in 2009, 2016, and 2019 and is constructing three solar power plants and a wind farm that will add 110 megawatts of power to the national power grid, offsetting the use of fossil fuel. When construction is completed by the end of 2023, an estimated 3.5 million Afghans will have access to reliable and affordable energy.

Energy

In 2017, USAID installed a first-of-its kind solar power plant in Kandahar that is saving 1.4 million gallons, or 5.3 million liters, of fuel per year and provides 75,000 people with clean power. In Herat, Naghlu, and Mazar USAID is supporting the construction of wind farms and solar power plants that will provide affordable, reliable, and accessible power to more than one million Afghans and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



Roads

Between 2003 and 2017, USAID built and improved more than 2,000 kilometers of roads, linking Afghanistan's five most populous provinces and facilitating travel and commerce. Thanks to USAID, Afghan businesses can more easily transport their products across the country and citizens have improved access to urban centers. The 2,000 kilometer road has bolstered economic growth along the entire corridor and improved the lives of hundreds of communities by connecting once-remote villages to schools and clinics.



Water

In 2016, USAID partnered with UNICEF to bring desperately needed safe drinking water to Afghans in hard-to-reach communities. Thanks to our partnership, USAID has helped provide clean drinking water to more than 650,000 Afghans and has helped improve access to basic sanitation services to more than 1.2 million Afghans across 17 provinces.



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